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The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities is proud to be the sponsor of the Partners in Policymaking Academy. The Council invests about \$5,000 in training and expenses for each new Partner, and additional funds to help support the networking and further training of graduates.

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ADVOCACY TRAINING  
FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES AND PARENTS

## Partners in Policymaking Academy



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## Make a Difference Today!

Are you a parent of a child with a disability or a person with a disability? Would you like to see a barrier free society where everyone is a valued member of their community? Are you interested in promoting change within your community? Within the state?

If you answered **YES!** to these questions, you might be interested in becoming one of a growing number of over 500 people who are graduates of **Indiana's Partners in Policymaking Academy.**

## Find out more!

**For an application or to schedule a presentation contact:**

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## About Partners in Policymaking

The Partners in Policymaking Academy is a leadership-training program for adults with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities.



The program teaches leadership skills, and techniques to develop positive partnerships with elected officials, school personnel and other individuals who make policy decisions about services that you and/or your family use.

In monthly sessions, you will have the opportunity to practice new skills in a comfortable and safe environment, build a network of people from diverse cultural backgrounds and life experiences, and learn from national experts.

Partners is about systems change – creating, working towards, and achieving a vision of shared values about people with disabilities. It is based on the belief that the most effective and enduring public policy decisions are made by the people who need and use services in partnership with policymakers. It's about becoming confident in yourself, competent in the knowledge and information you'll receive, and comfortable in sharing the life experiences and expertise you bring to the program.



### What Will I learn?

In general, session topics may include:

- **History**-Independent Living, Parent Movement, People First/Self-Advocates Movement
- **Education**– IDEA, Understanding Special Education, Best Practices in Inclusive Education
- **State and Local Policy**-Services and Legislative Issues, Preparing and Giving Testimony

- **Best Practices**-In Supported Living, Person Centered Planning, Family Supports, Employment, and Assistive Technology
- **Federal Policy and Legislative Issues**- Americans with Disabilities Act, Federal Disability Laws, Effective Communication with Policymakers
- **Community Organizing**-Working with Community Groups, Media Relations, Negotiating, Creating Change to Impact Society



### Make a Commitment

Partners in Policymaking is a commitment to:

- Attend eight monthly sessions in the Indianapolis area, Friday from 12:00 pm until 8:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm from October through May.
- Sign an agreement to attend all sessions and complete homework assignments including a personal community project.


### Partners Make a Difference!

Partners in Policymaking is based on a program developed by the Minnesota DD Council. Partners are widely recognized throughout the United States and overseas.

The program is open to a limited number of people. If selected, hotel, travel, childcare and other related expenses will be covered by the program.

Partner graduates agree that the commitment is well worth the life changes that result from the training program.

If you are someone who can make this level of commitment, we invite you to apply to be a member of the next class by contacting the Partners Office for an application form.

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